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REFS: A. BONN 6267 DTG 131830Z APR 76

B. USNATO 2073 DTG 151550Z APR 76

C. LONDON 5986 DTG 201710Z APR 76

1. REFS B AND C BOTH ARGUE AGAINST WASHINGTON ACCEPTANCE OF RUTH'S INFORMAL SUGGESTION (REF A) THAT A TRILATERAL BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF THE DATA AND FORCE DEFINITION DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA. WHILE ACCEPTING THE VALIDITY OF U.S. MISSION NATO'S POINT THAT SUCH MEETINGS BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM TO PRECLUDE THE IMPRESSION OF AN MBFR DIRECTORATE BY THE LARGER COUNTRIES, WE NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD WEIGH OTHER FACTORS AS WELL BEFORE ARRIVING AT A DECISION. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM IN LONDON FOR AN IMMEDIATE TRILATERAL, REF C POINTS OUT THAT THE BRITISH TOO ARE SOMEWHAT

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NERVOUS ABOUT THE DATA AND FORCE DEFINITION DISCUSSIONS.

2. THE FEARS EXPRESSED BY DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH IN LONDON FOLLOWED SUBSEQUENTLY BY RUTH'S INFORMAL SUGGESTION IN BONN ARE MANIFESTATIONS OF FRG CONCERN ABOUT THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE IN BONN, THE MOST APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE FRG OFFER. IT WOULD APPEAR ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE A THOROUGH AIRING OF FRG VIEWS AND CONCERNS BEFOREHAND RATHER THAN TO BE UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISED LATER WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DIVERGENT VIEWS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED OR AT LEAST MITIGATED HAD AN INFORMAL TRILATERAL BEEN HELD. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON WASHINGTON'S PART AND THE INVESTMENT IN TIME AND MANPOWER WILL REAP DIVIDENDS LATER WHEN THE FRG, CONFIDENT THAT U.S. MBFR POLICY MAKERS ARE AT LEAST FULLY AWARE OF GERMAN CONCERNS, MAKES IT CRITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ALLIANCE POSITION.

3. WE NOTE, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT THE BRITISH HAVE TAKEN A STAND THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM, IF THE U.S. BLOCKS A TRILATERAL, TO TELL THE FRG THAT LONDON SHARES BONN'S CONCERNS AND WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING IF WE HAD AGREED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON REACTION TO RUTH'S SUGGESTION FOR A TRILATERAL.
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